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Re: Bellcore Letter on Service Access Code
Assignments for Personal Communications
Services

Dear Ms. Levitz:

Nextel Communications, Inc. ("Nextel"), formerly Fleet Call, Inc., hereby responds to Bellcore's letter filed with the Commission and your office on June 23, 1993, informing the Commission of its plan to assign the 500 Service Access Code ("SAC") to personal communications services and in turn to assign NXX codes for use by several companies. Nextel is concerned that Bellcore's interim assignment guidelines do not make 500 SAC NXX assignments available to all competitive mobile communications carriers on a nondiscriminatory basis. The Commission should take such actions as may be necessary to ensure that Bellcore makes 500 SAC assignments to all wireless carriers demonstrating an urgent need for scarce personal communications numbering resources.

Nextel holds Commission licenses for Specialized Mobile Radio ("SMR") systems in the nation's largest markets and provides dispatch, interconnect and related services to its customers. In response to the explosive growth in consumer demand for wireless communications, Nextel conceptualized and is implementing Enhanced Specialized Mobile Radio ("ESMR") systems using digital mobile technology.^{1/} Nextel will initiate ESMR service in Los Angeles in August of 1993 and will commence service in San Francisco in the near future. As a current and future provider of sophisticated wireless services, Nextel has a

^{1/} These ESMR systems are advanced, highly efficient digital mobile communications systems that incorporate innovative state-of-the-art technologies to increase dramatically the capacity, service flexibility and quality of existing SMR systems.

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keen interest in the assignment of numbers for mobile services and wireless applications.

In its letter, Bellcore notifies the Commission of two decisions that will have a substantial impact on the

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The Commission is responsible for assuring that a publicly beneficial system of numbering is administered for personal communications services. Consequently, the Commission should question Bellcore carefully to assure that (1) each applicant for 500 NXX codes has an immediate need for such numbers; and (2) no applicant is requesting a disproportionately large number of codes so as to preclude their availability to other carriers. The Joint Paper provided by Bellcore fails to document why codes from the 500 SAC are urgently needed "to conduct service trials and to negotiate routing arrangements." It also fails to discuss whether granting of the pending applications will exhaust available 500 SAC resources to the detriment of other wireless communications providers.^{4/}

Nextel will be initiating commercial ESMR service next month. Nextel has an urgent need for non-geographic numbers to provide enhanced new personal mobility services to the public, not merely for service trials. Based upon the information Bellcore has provided, however, Nextel has no assurance that its application will be granted or that numbers will be available.^{5/}

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be used wisely. At this juncture in the development of personal mobility services, the Commission must satisfy itself that Bellcore's code assignment guidelines are fair and provide all current and potential providers sufficient assurance that non-geographic SAC codes will be available to all mobile service providers.

Respectfully submitted,
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